(d) the number of cases which are related to revenue and the cases which are of criminal nature, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) At present 33,635 cases in Supreme Court, 343,41,040 cases in High Courts and 2,53,06,458 cases in Subordinate Courts are reported to be pending.

(c) No such data is maintained in the Department.

(d) As per the information available in the Department of Jusice, at present 5359 criminal cases in Supreme Court, 6,37,821 criminal cases in High Courts and 1,80,95,301 criminal cases are pending in Subordinate Courts.

Entry of foreign law firms

1287. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court bar Association and the All India Bar Association have urged Government not to allow entry of foreign Law firms;

(b) the difficulty his Ministry foresee in there is a reciprocal arrangement;

(c) whether before mooting this idea his ministry has held any consultations with the Bar Council of India, SCBA, All-India bar Association, Bar Association of India and other bodies of legal profession; and

(d) if so, their response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) to (d) Bar Council of India, Supreme Court Bar Association and others have opposed entry of foreign lawyers including law firms.

Institutionalization of arbitration

1288. SHRI RAJIV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to institutionalize arbitration by involving top members of bar and bench;

(b) if so, the details thereof;